



HIV/AIDS Information Sheet

The Facts:

Worldwide an estimated 33 million people live with HIV.

Over a million Americans are estimated to be living with HIV.

Of those 1 million people living with HIV, 1 out of 5 do not know they are infected. (People who have HIV but don't know it can unknowingly pass the virus to their partners.)

In the District of Columbia, at least 3 percent of residents have HIV or AIDS.

Last year, the CDC reported that the annual rate of new HIV infections was roughly 40% greater than previously believed and that Black people account for nearly one out of two new infections.

Health care providers in the Washington, D.C., area have found "greatly disproportionate" HIV/AIDS rates among Africans.

Effective HIV care—including antiretroviral drug therapies and regular access to primary health care—can help people manage their HIV disease and live longer.

**Source: CDC.gov. "HIV/AIDS among African Americans" 2007.*

DID YOU KNOW:

HIV testing is a key component in controlling the spread of HIV infection. For those who test positive for HIV, awareness can help them take steps to protect their own health and that of their partners - thus avoiding further transmission.

GET TESTED!!!*

Source: [Http://aids.gov](http://aids.gov)

District Department of Health Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration

The Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA) is the core District government agency dedicated to HIV/AIDS prevention, reduction in transmission of the virus and provide care and treatment to people living with HIV or AIDS.

- HAA partners with health and community-based organizations to offer a variety of prevention education and social services.
- provides grants to service providers, monitors programs, and tracks the incidence of HIV and AIDS in the District of Columbia.
- Provides free HIV treatment options to citizens that are in need of the services.

Get connected by calling: 311

Web: www.doh.dc.gov/hiv

Important Numbers:

Know HIV/AIDS	866-344-KNOW (5669)
Metro Teen Aids	(202) 543-9355
National Association for People With AIDS (NAPWA)	866-846-9366
National CDC Info-Line Phone:	800-342-2437
National Suicide Prevention Life-Line	800-273-TALK (8255)

To find a testing site near you, text your ZIP code to "KNOWIT" – that's "5-6-6-9-4-8" – or visit HIVtest.org.

World AIDS Day is observed on December 1st.
The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988 but has been observed in the United States since 1995. World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic.